# Deaths

**JOHN S. BRAFORD**

John Stark Braford, 22, of Rt. 4, Appomattox, died Monday morning as the result of a farming accident.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of Hugh S. Braford and Maude Burnette Braford. He was a member of Hebron Baptist Church. A cattle farmer, he was a member of Young Farmers of Virginia and was the 1974 recipient of the America Farmer Degree. He was also a school bus driver for the Appomattox County public school system.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother James Hugh Braford of Appomattox; two sisters, Sarah B. Holder of Madison, Wis., and Clara B. Staten of Appomattox; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. John E. Burnett of Appomattox, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. L. D. Braford of Natural Bridge.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday from Hebron Baptist Church, with burial following in the church cemetery. Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested that those wishing to make memorials should consider the Concord Rescue Squad and the Concord Volunteer Fire Department.

**THOMAS SCHRELL WOOD**

ARRINGTON - Thomas Schrell Wood, age 75, died Sunday morning, October 20, at the Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital. He was the husband of Mrs. Lula Massie Wood. Born in Nelson County, son of the late R. Nelson Wood and Mary Bryant Wood, he was a member of Woodland Baptist Church and a retired farmer. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Cora W. Clements, of Appomattox, one son, Mr. Thomas N. Wood, of Waynesboro, three brothers, Mr. Willie M. Wood of Amherst, Mr. John R. (Jack) Wood and Mr. Frank P. Wood of Roseland, two sisters, Miss Mary Lee Wood, of Sweet Brier, and Mrs. Myrtle W. Thacker, of Lovingston, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Preston-Parr Funeral Chapel in Roseland by the Rev. Willie V. Goldie.

Burial took place in Jonesboro cemetery also in Roseland, Va.

## VA Information

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q - How much can I pay for a home purchased with a loan guaranteed by the Veterans Administration?

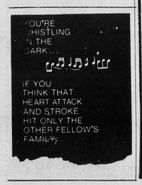
A - As much as you can afford. However, there is a limit on the amount of guaranty the agency can issue - 60 per cent, up to a maximum of $12,500. Also, the loan cannot exceed VA's appraised value of the property.

Q - I bought a car six years ago with a grant from the Veterans Administration. Will the agency replace the car's worn-out adaptive equipment?

A - Yes. VA will pay for installation, maintenance and replacement of adaptive equipment, but the car grant is a one-time benefit.

Q - I am a 73 year old veteran drawing pension from the Veterans Administration. My nephew tells me I no longer have to file an annual income questionnaire. Is that true?

A - Yes. But while the law excuses pensioners 72 years old and older who've been on the rolls during two consecutive years from filing the questionnaires, they still must report changes in income.




## *Fall Festival at Bethlehem Methodist Church*

The United Methodist Women of Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Concord are sponsoring a Fall Festival to be held on the church grounds October 26 from noon until dark. The women of the church have been very busy baking and doing arts and crafts to sell at the Festival. The men are also busy with woodwork. Thirty pork shoulders will be barbecued all night Friday up until noon Saturday. It can be bought by the container or on the bun. There will be recreation for the children and games of all kinds, including some prizes. Whoever can catch the greased pig gets to keep it!

## *Halloween Party*

The Evergreen Ruritans will sponsor its annual Halloween Party at the Evergreen Community Center at 7: p.m. Oct. 31. There will be a costume contest, cake walks and country music. Popcorn, hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks will be for sale.

## Food Shopper

By
Cathy B. Hinton

What has happened to the weekly Friday night shopping trip? For one thing it has been expanded. Many shoppers no longer make trips to the store the same night each week. Many retail stores have influenced this change by varying the day of release for advertised specials.

Wednesday or Thursday's paper was always full of red hot food bargains offered till the end of the week. Now, many stores-both large chains and independents-run price specials for one full week. You have no excuse for missing a bargain!

Early week shopping trips are full of surprises. One is that you have the store to yourself, able to take your time and look over all the exciting products lining the shelves. If you need a clerk they're much easier tofind and very willing to assist you.

With many stores advertising week long features you can still take advantage of sale prices. Because there are less people in the store the items will most likely be in good supply.

The ultimate reward is when you breeze into the checkout. The line is almost nonexistent! You leave with a feeling that food shopping does not have to be a hassle.

Check your local food ads to see when local stores advertise and how long sale prices are honored. Check daily papers as some stores advertise several times each week, you don't want to miss any bargains!

While you're shopping this week plan to take advantage of some of the foods reported to be in temporarily abundant supply. There are larger supplies of beef, turkey, cabbage, onions and eggs now available. Look for lower prices and advertised specials on these items.

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## Man's Best Friend?

Long considered man's best friend, the dog has been known to provide protection, save lives, aid the blind and furnish years of companionship and pleasure to its owner.

Things seem to be changing in Appomattox County. The dog has struck fear into the hearts of livestock growers, destroyed and damaged valuable property and has cost the county taxpayers hundreds of dollars in settlement claims to livestock growers who have been victimized by dogs.

County Dog Warden Leonard Garrett receives 20 to 30 calls each month regarding stray dogs. While only a small percentage of the calls relate to dogs disturbing livestock, there have been several instances where dogs have killed or maimed farm animals and fowl.

In August dogs killed two valuable brood sows. In September stray dogs injured a bull. Calves have been chased and bitten by stray dogs and geese and ducks have been killed and injured by dogs running loose.

The dog warden is a part time county employee and is almost powerless to cover the whole of Appomattox County. If he receives a complaint from Bent Creek or Gladstone it takes the better part of a day to investigate and take proper action. Should a simultaneous complaint come from Concord or Pamplin, the warden cannot possibly answer the complaint and do a satisfactory job.

Two area livestock growers appeared before the Appomattox County Baord of Supervisors at the September meeting requesting that some type of dog control ordinance be passed in the county, at least requiring a permanent identification be affixed to dogs. A tatoo on the ear was the specific request.

The dog warden has stated that during and immediately following deer season is when his complaints reach a peak. Livestock growers are plagued by hunters who pay no attention to posted property, cut fences, allow dogs to run free around livestock and often leave the dogs after the hunting season has expired.

We are not against dogs. We believe they make wonderful companions, great pets and offer a degree of protection against house breakers and vandels, but we feel strongly that a dog owner should live up to his responsibilities, both to the dog and to the community in which he lives.

A dog left to fend for himself cannot be held responsible for his actions. If he is hungry, he eats. If it happens to be a $500 sow or a $1,200 bull it makes no difference to him. it tastes as good as hamburger paddies served on the back porch.

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October 17, 1974

The Times-Virginian
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Letter to the Editor:

I wish to speak about the article and editorial concerning the National Labor Relations Board election to be held October 31, 1974.

As anyone who bothers to check the facts can plainly see, your facts are wrong and you are not as objective as you claim. Your statements clearly follow the business attitude in this area, which has helped to keep workers down and business profits and salaries up.

Some questions that come to mind are, Why should the people of Appomattox County be treated second class? Genesco (which owns Appomattox Garment) has at least nine factories throughout Virginia that are Union. They all pay at least $1.00 per hour more than Appomattox Garment pays. Why not here in Appomattox County too? Think how much more money this would put into our community.

While you say that the Company's costs are increasing, what about the workers' cost of living? While Companies raise the prices, should the workers sit by, without wage increases, and see the cost of milk, bread, meat, gasoline and cars, among other things, continue to rise?

The other garment shop in town, Amelia Dress, is Union. We, who work there, belong to the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO. (You got the name wrong in your editorial and in the article on Page 1, both of which were essentially the same.) We make 60¢ per hour more than the Appomattox Garment Workers. We have fringe benefits too, which amounts to more money for us. We have the Union to stand behind us when things aren't right, and we are proud of the progress we have made with the Union.

Below are three corrected items which were incorrectly reported by you.

1. The National Labor Relations Board - not the Union-is holding the election.

2. There are way less than 320 workers involved in the election, in fact just about 200.

3. Appomattox Garment does not provide a payroll of two and a half million dollars in Appomattox County, as your editorial implies, since that is the total payroll, and only two of the factories are in our county.

While you claim to be fair you stoop to a new low as far as fairness goes. You interviewed Mr. Fred Lawson who is just an employee of Genesco (he no longer owns the factory) but you never asked the Union for an interview.

Your clearly stated policy of allowing only those who live in the county to reply is unfair because it does not provide for the workers that live outside of the county or the Union to reply. This is un-AMERICAN.

Without a Union, a worker has no protection, no advancement, no Hope - NOTHING.

If anybody thinks the Union does not keep its PROMISES, just ask the members in Amelia Dress down the street.

Sincerely,

THE ABOVE IS A PAID ADVERTISEMENT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION MEMBERS DOWN THE STREET WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE LOW WAGES AND LACK OF BENEFITS OF THEIR FELLOW WORKERS AT APPOMATTOX FINISHING COMPANY.